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Addenda to proposal of
Reopening U.D. Law School

The University of Dayton's Law School graduated its last class in 1935.

But as the Reverend Charles Lees, UD's Vice President for Academic Affairs, points out conditions have changed considerably since then. "When UD closed its School of Law," he said, "it was a small college with few facilities in an era when the demand for lawyers was quite limited. The University is now a well-populated school, with some outstanding facilities, in an era where the number of lawyers will be doubled by 1985."

He further cited the following statistics:

- In the last 10 years enrollment in law schools has doubled.
- During the same period the number of women law students grew from approximately 1,500 to nearly 9,000.
- In the last 10 years evening enrollment has grown nearly 60% - from 12,000 to 19,000.
- In 1971 there was a 45% gain over the previous year increase in the number of students taking law school admission tests. (A 30% increase was expected for 1972.

Reopening of the law school is considered as an ideal means of furthering University purposes as expressed in its Constitution and Statement of Purposes.

"... emphasis on those values which culminate in the highest development of the human person."

"... recognition of the need to promote individual fulfillment through self-transcending service."

"... initiating and conducting special activities to meet the changing needs of society..."

"... priority to studies which deal with problems of a fundamentally human and Christian concern."

"... support, with means appropriate to its purposes, the legitimate goals and aspirations of the civic community..."

"... encourage men of vision who can and will participate effectively in the quest for a more perfect human society."

Father Roesch has stated that "Our interest is not merely in providing, under private auspices, opportunities for the acquisition of legal expertise, worthy though this goal may be. Rather, we see herein an exceptional opportunity to promote Christian justice, social as well as individual and thus to help humanize society."

Based upon well informed estimates, critically examined by knowledgeable authorities, reopening the law school will require approximately \$1.0 for non-recoverable start-up costs during the early years. Thereafter, it will be self-supporting with the exception of funds for student aid that characterizes all of higher education.